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Stakeholder Perspective NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Mike Winka, NJDEP presented the stakeholder perspective from the States. He said that the RCRA and Superfund programs are primarily state run systems, and noted that changes in the test will require changes in those state-run programs, including potential changes in regulatory thresholds. Mr. Winka said that, currently, all the states do not employ the same leaching test, and suggested that one goal of the development program should be to have one or more testing protocols that are used by all states.

He suggested that, should any new or modified tests be developed, EPA should conduct a full-scale demonstration to determine how well the laboratory predicted risks compare to the real world. He believes that it is important that any test used

- yield results in a reasonable time frame (e.g., <90 days),
- not be too expensive, and
- be tied to the end-use of the data.